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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING AUGUST 23

1. AMB MCHENRY OPENED CONTACT GROUP MEETING AUGUST 23
BY REPORTING ON A BRIEF TALK HE HAD HAD WITH SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE AHTISAARI UPON THE LATTER'S ARRIVAL AT
JFK THAT MORNING. AHTISAARI, SAID MCHENRY, FELT THAT
HIS TIME IN NAMIBIA HAD GIVEN HIM "A PRETTY GOOD IDEA"
OF THE OVERALL SITUATION. AHTISAARI DESCRIBED HIS
RECENT MISSION TO MCHENRY AS "80 PERCENT PUBLIC
RELATIONS" AND "A SUCCESS". AHTISAARI TOLD MCHENRY THAT
HE HOPED TO FINISH HIS REPORT BY AUGUST 25 OR 26 AND
THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL WANTED
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TO MEET HIM IN MADRID ON SUNDAY THE 27TH TO DISCUSS IT.
MCHENRY FELT THAT AHTISAARI WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE
NECESSITY FOR SPEED. AHTISAARI TOLD MCHENRY FURTHER
THAT HE WANTED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE FIVE INFORMALLY,
PERHAPS ON AUGUST 24, TO DISCUSS HIS REPORT BEFORE IT
HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

2. THE CONTACT GROUP AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE FIVE TO PUT PRESSURE ON WALDHEIM TO SPEED THINGS UP UNTIL THEY HAD TALKED WITH AHTISAARI TO PIN DOWN EXACTLY WHEN THE REPORT WOULD BE READY. THE GROUP AGREED THAT IF AHTISAARI DID NOT CALL THEM AUGUST 24 THEY WOULD CALL HIM. THEY INTEND TO DISCUSS WITH HIM NOT ONLY THE CONTENTS OF HIS REPORT BUT ALSO THE TACTICS NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL. THEY ALSO WILL BROACH WITH AHTISAARI THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTIONS BY THE SYG IN RESPONSE TO THE SECURITY SITUATION IN NAMIBIA. THE GROUP AGREED THAT IF A MESSAGE TO THE SYG BY THE FIVE BECAME NECESSARY TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THE NEED FOR SPEED, THEN PERHAPS THE BEST VEHICLE WOULD BE TELEPHONE CALL OR CALLS BY FOREIGN MINISTER(S) OF THE FIVE.

3. UK MISSION READ A REPORT FROM THEIR MISSION IN LUANDA ON A CONVERSATION WITH SAM NUJOMA IN WHICH NUJOMA SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND A DELEGATION TO THE UPCOMING SC SESSIONS ON NAMIBIA BUT HE DID NOT HIMSELF PLAN TO ATTEND.

4. LATEST INFORMATION ON SYG'S TRAVELS: PER SYG EXEC ASSISTANT AHMED'S OFFICE, SYG LEAVES VIENNA FOR MADRID ON MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 28, WHERE HE CONNECTS
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TO BUENOS AIRES. SYG NOW INTENDS TO DEPART BA FOR NEW YORK ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 1. YOUNG

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